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least one unit that is obtained from carboxylic acids, phosphonic acids, sulphonic acids, or mixtures thereof.

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26. (Amended) The composition according to claim 16, wherein the at least one anionic polymer comprises at least one fatty chain that is obtained from monomers comprising at least one linear or branched C₈-C₂₂ alkyl chain.

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28. (Amended) The composition according to claim 16, wherein the at least one anionic polymer comprising at least one unit obtained from a fatty-chain monomer also contains at least one nonionic unit.

29. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 28, wherein the at least one nonionic unit is obtained from monomers chosen from vinyl monomers, olefinic monomers, styrene monomers, acrylic monomers, and methacrylic monomers.

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 16-37 are pending. Claims 22, 26, 28, and 29 have been amended. Support for the amendments can be found in the originally filed specification and claims. No new matter has been added.

CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

On October 12, 1999, Applicant filed a Transmittal Letter indicating that a copy of the International Application (PCT/FR98/02863, filed December 23, 1998) as filed had been transmitted by the International Bureau. The Examiner has not acknowledged Applicant's claim for priority. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to acknowledge this claim for priority in the next Patent Office paper.